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Letter dated 6 August 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to my letter dated 19 July 1996, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, which were recorded on 3 August 1996.

On that day a formation of two Turkish Air Force aircraft violated the national airspace, entering at 12.48 hours without permission the Nicosia flight information region. The aircraft exited the Nicosia FIR at 12.53 hours.

Such unauthorized intrusions into the Nicosia flight information region are in violation of international air traffic rules and seriously endanger civil aviation flights over Cyprus. At the same time they heighten tension in Cyprus as it is also clearly stated in the latest Security Council resolution on Cyprus, 1062 (1996), of 28 June 1996.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest against the new violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, which are in complete disregard of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

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